

# St. William Parish

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February 12, 2023 ~ Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



*“Many are the blessings he bears!”*

Today’s gospel reading is eye-opening and demanding. Jesus affirms that the commands of the Mosaic Law still stand, and also reveals that a “by-the-book” obedience to them is not enough. Righteousness is not just a checklist we can tick off; it is not a measurable accomplishment. The orientation of our hearts matters more than the externals of our actions. This is challenging. But in reality Jesus offers a loving invitation. He is calling us to health and wholeness as we live out God’s law. Changing our hearts is hard to measure, but it helps us more than it helps anyone else. Leaving behind sinful actions is one thing, but when we are able to move past the energy that motivates such actions we are able to live in fuller freedom and joy. Nonetheless, as we hear today, Jesus holds his disciples to high standards. Our reading could read as another list of religious dos and don’ts, but Jesus offers these teachings as a means of drawing us closer to God. These teachings reveal something about God’s very self. Our God is one of truth and justice, who values reconciliation and desires right relationships for all of creation. This gospel may be difficult to digest for anyone who have personal experiences with the issues named by Jesus. We might ask if there is a relationship in our life that needs mending? Is there a festering anger in our hearts? What Jesus wants for us is healing and freedom from the things that hold us back from the fullness of life with him. Let us be gentle with ourselves and each other as we take in Jesus’s message. In coming to fulfil the law, Jesus did not come to shame or berate. He came to help us grow more faithful each day and to help us strengthen our resolve for repentance and reconciliation.

**St. William Church**  
**FISH DINNER**  
**EVERY**  
**FRIDAY**



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Warren, Ohio

*Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash*

~ February 12-19, 2023 ~  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**FEBRUARY 12, 2023**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **JOHN MAKOSKY/** Makosky Family  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **PHIL DECAPITO/** Gary & Ellie Gates  
Sun 11:00 a.m. † **RON SPRAGUE/** John & Cindy Salerno

**COMMUNION SERVICE**

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **JIM MCNEILL/** Janice Ventling  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **LOU KRIVANEK/** Joan Krivanek  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **KUFCHAK FAMILY/** Barb & Family  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **THERESA BANIC/** Women's Guild

**FEBRUARY 19, 2023**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ROBERT ROGEL/** Carl & Gloria Karafa  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **BRIANNA HEIB/** Felicia Mooney  
Sun 11:00 a.m. † **DAVID MENDIK/** Helen Snyder

†= In Memoriam √= Special Intention ♥= Birthday/Anniversary/Celebration

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ February 19, 2023 ~  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18**

*The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy..."*

**1 Corinthians 3:16-23**

*Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?...*

**Matthew 5:38-48**

*Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you..."*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

February 19, 2023

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Tim Timko  
8:30 a.m. Christine DePascale, Marilyn Nicolaus  
11:00 a.m. Taylor Kuhn, Cathy Poponak

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. Alexa Szykulska  
8:30 a.m. Eric Sitch  
11:00 a.m. Brian Wilson

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Barb Robinson, Dan Robinson,  
Carol Timko, Bob Mintus  
8:30 a.m. Dave Lucanski, Mike Trunick,  
Laurie Sitch, Bob Mintus  
11:00 a.m. Sandra Hudak, Jennifer Kusmierek,  
Chuck Poponak, Bob Mintus



**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 5, 2023 (WK 32)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 7,718.00*	\$ 227,346.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 232,608.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 449.00	\$ (5,262.00)
<b>Performance</b>	106%	98%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 631.00 LAST WK — \$ 24,983.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 182 out of 510

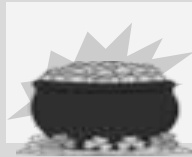
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 11.00 (9 out of 41)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#284 drawn on 2/5/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$312.00



**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

Mass attendance last weekend was:

**79**

5:00 p.m.

**95**

8:30 a.m.

**145**

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **319**

Average: **106**

**LOOKING AHEAD!**

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday ~ February 22, 2023

Mass with the Distribution of Ashes will be at 8:30 a.m. and **6:30 p.m.** Our Lenten Theme this year: *A Path in the Wilderness*

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING TODAY!**

In honor of the BIG GAME this afternoon, Youth Ministry is collecting non-perishable goods and monetary donations after Mass this weekend for the annual Souper Bowl of Caring drive this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.



**ANNUAL WHITE MASS FOR ALL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

The annual White Mass – celebrating and recognizing the ministry and work of those in health professions – will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Columba Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. Bishop Bonnar will preside.

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."* ~MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern day Pharisee.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

**Our Sincere Sympathy**

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Shirley Maichrowicz**

*May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## 2022 Contribution Tax Statements

If you are in need of a copy of your 2022 Contributions **for itemizing deductions on your tax return**, please fill out the following coupon and return it to the Parish Office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Statements will be available in the vestibule.**

## FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Contribution envelopes and Pot-of-Gold envelopes for the month of February were mailed directly from the Parish Office a few weeks ago. The company that usually sends Weekly Contribution envelopes had to suspend February's mailing. Please use the envelopes received from the Parish Office for your weekly contribution TODAY and for February 19 – Ash Wednesday – and 26 and the Pot-of-Gold envelopes. **Be sure to verify your NAME and ENVELOPE NUMBER (if you know it) and DATE each week especially if you participate in the Pot-of Gold.**

Thank you for your kind cooperation, patience and understanding. Regular Contribution envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March.

## Fish Dinners Start THIS FRIDAY!



Every Friday until March 31

4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

\$13.00 ~ Dinners INCLUDE:

- ~Choice of baked or fried fish (2 pieces).
- ~Three Sides: French Fries and Coleslaw Macaroni & Cheese *or* Haluski (served on alternate weeks.)
- ~Tartar Sauce and Surprise Dessert.

## LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Liturgy Committee meets on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. to finalize plans for Lent and plan the Easter Season.

*Check the parish website from time to time for information about what is happening at the parish...*

[www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org)

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

The Statement of Operations detailing the financial position of St. William Church is now available on the parish website and is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

Feb 13 ~ Little Rock Scripture 9:30 a.m.  
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Feb 14 ~ Valentine's Day ♥  
Feb 14 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
Feb 14 ~ Liturgy Committee 5:30 p.m.  
Feb 15 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.  
Feb 15 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:45 p.m.  
Feb 16 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.  
Feb 17 ~ Fish Dinner #1 4:00-6:30 p.m.  
Feb 19 ~ No PSR

*Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events*

## WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

**Next Meeting:**

Meeting: March 1, 2023

6:00 p.m. Social ~ 6:30 p.m. Meeting



Membership in the Women's Guild is open to women 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. If interested in joining, join us at a regularly scheduled meeting.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491



**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. If interested in joining, please visit our web site at [www.knights7491.org](http://www.knights7491.org)

## SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE WINTER GALA

Invitations have been sent to all those who have purchased Super Cash Bonanza Raffle tickets to our "Winter Gala" on March 4, 2023. Please be sure to respond by February 20, 2023. The evening will begin with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m.; Basket Raffle Drawing at 7:30 p.m.; and the Super Cash Bonanza Raffle Drawing at 8:00 p.m.

Let all that you do

be done with

Love

*1 Corinthians 16:14*

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

# St. Vincent de Paul Thrift & Furniture Store

When you **DONATE** to the SVDP Thrift Store the items you no longer use provide necessary clothing, furniture, appliances and household items to families in need throughout our local community

*and*  
When you **BUY** from the SVDP Thrift Store the proceeds provide needed funding for the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall which served over 89,000 meals in 2022!

*Neighbors helping neighbors.*

We are always in need of the following ***gently used*** items:

couches, chairs, stoves, washers/dryers, refrigerators, freezers, dining sets, microwaves, small appliances, coffee/end tables, dressers, beds, mattresses, home décor & linens

To arrange a **free pick up** - please call (330) 369-4198



### Store Hours

Monday-Friday  
9:00 am-5:00 pm  
Saturday  
10:00 am-5:00 pm



SVdP Thrift Store & Donation Center  
540 Main Avenue SW Warren 44481

### ~Contact~

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**Very Rev. Michael D. Balash**, Pastor  
**Robert Mintus**, Deacon  
**Tina McCue**, Pastoral Associate  
**Patricia Maciejewski**, Music Director  
**Carol Timko**, Religious Education  
**Therese Tuttle**, Business Manager  
**Dan Robinson**, Office Manager  
**Chuck Poponak**, Maintenance Manager

### ~Celebrate~

#### Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday  
Holydays - Check weekly bulletin  
Liturgy of the Word Service - Monday 8:30 a.m.

#### Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.  
Communal Reconciliation Services are held during Lent and Advent.

**Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, Holy Orders** ~ Contact the Parish Office.

### ~Christian Formation~

#### Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Sunday Morning Gr. K-8 ~ 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Afternoon Gr. 9-12 ~ 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

#### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sunday Mornings ~ 9:30-10:45 a.m.

#### Adult and Teen Enrichment

Offered throughout the year. Consult the bulletin.

#### John F. Kennedy Catholic School

[www.warrenjfk.com](http://www.warrenjfk.com)

### BULLETINS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home or assisted living and would like to receive a weekly bulletin, please notify the office with their name and address.



### JUST 3 WEEKS UNTIL OUR SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE!!

~Help us reach 400 sold tickets and increase the prize pool to \$32,000.00



### "Super Cash Bonanza Raffle Summary"

Tickets Sold	346	100-399 tickets sold	400-499 tickets sold
Seller Entries	65	Grand Prize - \$10,000.00	Grand Prize - \$20,000.00
Total Collected:	\$83,300.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$3,000.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$4,000.00
Tier 1 Prize Level:	\$19,000.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$2,000.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$3,000.00
Total (applied to Loan):	\$67,300.00	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$2,000.00
		Four Prizes - \$500.00 ea.	5 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00
		Seller Prize - \$1,000.00	Four Prizes - \$500.00 ea.
			Seller Prize - \$2,000.00

### ~Service~

Please call the Parish Office for Mass and Prayer Intentions, Homebound and Hospitalized Ministry, Funerals, The Catholic Exponent, Family Information Changes, New Parishioner Registration, Hall Rental/Catering, and details about any Parish Organization and Ministry.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesday 12:00 noon